anxiety prevails? Will the Government see that the institution does not suffer because the management violates the rules and regulations?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"It is not a question of merely running the institution. It should be run properly and then only the student will be benefited. As a matter of fact, we have received complaints from members of the staff of the school that they have not been paid the salary due to them. This happens because there is no endowment and there is no guarantee that the salary will be paid. In order to see that the institution is run properly, the Director had to insist upon the observance of the rule regarding the creation of endowment."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Before taking the drastic step of closing the higher classes, will the Government see whether the managing committee could be reformed or whether any organization of parents could be set up to run the school properly?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"If any other institution comes forward to run the school in accordance with the rules, certainly the transfer of the management of the school to that body could be considered. For the last three years we have been asking the management to build up an endowment and also gave the opportunity of building it up in small instalments. But they have not yet created an endowment of even one thousand rupees. In this context the Director had no other option but to order the closure of Form IV."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—"Both questions Nos. 2260 and 2261 will be taken up together."

Overbridges for level-crossings

* 2260 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of level-crossings to be replaced by bridges in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether the Corporation of Madras represented to the Government to bear the entire cost of construction of over or under bridges in lieu of the five level-crossings at McNichol's Road, Gengu Reddi Road, Thiruvottiyur High Road, Monegar Choultry Road and Light House Road;

(*c*) the estimated cost of construction of these bridges;

(*d*) whether the State Government addressed the Union Government for any aid in the matter;

(*e*) whether the Government have any census of vehicles passing through the level-crossings; and

(*f*) whether the Government of India have sanctioned any loan to the Corporation of Madras through the State Government?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) For the present, proposals for only five over or under bridges in lieu of major and important level-crossings in the City have been considered.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) Rs. 85·5 lakhs.

" (d) In connection with a proposal of the Government of India regarding grant of loans by them to local bodies to enable the latter to meet the road authority's share of the cost of construction of over or under bridges in lieu of existing level-crossings, a list of 45 level-crossings in the State requiring to be replaced by over or underbridges together with an additional list of 10 level-crossings in the City area requiring to be widened, was forwarded to the Government of India. In the list of 45 level-crossings mentioned above, the five major road rail-crossings in the City referred to in clause (b) of the question were included for purposes of grant of loan to the Corporation.

" (e) Yes, Sir.

" (f) The Government of India have agreed to grant loans in respect of the following road-rail overbridges :—

(i) McNicholl's Road Level-Crossings;

(ii) Thiruvothiyur High Road Level-Crossings; and

(iii) Light House Road Level-Crossing."

* 2261 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the present stage of the proposal for construction of an over-head bridge at the railway level-crossing near the High Court, Madras; and

(b) whether there is any dispute between the Corporation, the Government and the Railway authorities in regard to sharing the expenses for the construction of the bridge?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Recently the Government of India proposed to grant loans to local bodies for enabling them to meet the road authority's share of cost of provision of over or underbridges in lieu of the existing level-crossings and wanted a list of road-rail crossing to be replaced by over or underbridges arranged in an order of priority. In reply to this a list of road-rail crossings (throughout the State) requiring to be replaced by over or underbridges together with another list of road-rail crossings (in the City alone) requiring to be widened was furnished to the Government of India. Priorities for the above proposals were subsequently decided and fresh revised lists were sent to the Government of India. The proposal for a subway in